

Phone Clue Pursued On Briccas

A mystery phone number was being investigated Sunday in the Bricca triple-murder case.

The number was that formerly assigned to an unidentified Cincinnati model agency.

Detectives of the Hamilton County sheriff's office

have been checking the number in an effort to shed new light on the slaying of Jerry and Linda Bricca and their daughter, Debbie, four, in their Bridgetown home, 3381 Glenway Ave.

Their bodies were discovered September 27.

Police have sifted thousands of pieces of information without coming up with any evidence which might justify an arrest.

Everything connected with the young chemical engineer and his family has been carefully studied and even dust from the floor has been included in an array of items sent for checking to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, police report.

Police say they are awaiting a full report on FBI tests to help them in trying to determine just what kind of person or persons took part in the murder.

Lt. Herbert Vogel said the killing could have been a matter of revenge, a sex crime or the unfortunate outcome of a burglary.

The telephone number, held by a model agency, has since been assigned to a private individual.

Lt. Herbert Vogel of the Hamilton County sheriff's detectives, acknowledged that the number had been checked and that detectives had been interviewing various persons in connection with the matter.

He emphasized, however, that the investigation was merely in line with a police effort to check out every possible clue.

He explained that the number was among the family's private book of telephone numbers.

CSO Home

BY HENRY S. HUMPHREYS
Enquirer Music Critic

I THOUGHT LATER if I had been a Robert Flaherty, with a good camera crew, I could have filmed a documentary that would have carried off a whole shelf-full of awards!

The scene was the Greater Cincinnati Airport; the time, 9:30 p. m., Sunday; the occasion, the arrival of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra after a ten-week 'Round The World Tour.

It all happened so fast. The airport observation deck was jammed with families, friends and admirers of the Queen City orchestra, all carrying signs, WELCOME HOME, CSO! The American Airlines waiting room was packed even tighter; and out on the runway area, members of the Press, TV and radio, half a dozen welcoming committees (headed by Mayor Walton Bachrach and CSO Board members) were straining at the leash. American

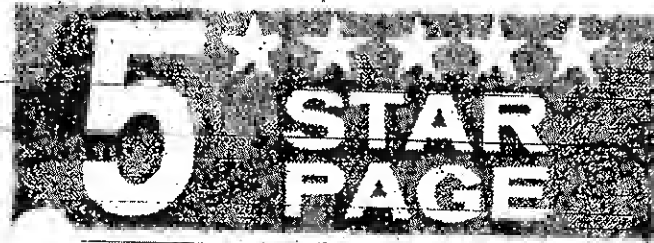
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CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Wednesday, Oct. 12
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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
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Neighbors Think Bricca Killer A

BY MARGARET JOSTEN
Of The Enquirer Staff

Horror-stricken neighbors were unable to believe the Gerald Bricca family had been slaughtered by a stranger.

Their reasons—some understandably tinged with hysteria—are these:

- The knife from an Indian carving set fashioned from teakwood and steel is missing from the home where Mr. Bricca, his wife, Linda, and their four-year-old daughter, Debbie, were murdered.

- Because Debbie was of an inquisitive nature, the carving set was never left out in the open. It may have been kept in one of the drawers found standing open when police arrived at the place of death Tuesday night.

Did the killer know such a knife was kept in the house? neighbors are asking.

- The family dogs, Thumper, part cocker spaniel, and Dusty, mostly poodle, were extraordinarily aggressive animals.

- They would bark wildly not only at strangers, but at neighbors who went near the fenced-in backyard at the Bricca home.

- Thumper and Dusty were not heard barking on quiet, middle-class Greenway Avenue, Bridgetown, either Sunday night or any time Monday.

- There were no sounds from the house to arouse any undue attention.

- There were no signs of a struggle.

"I CAN'T imagine this happening and nobody hearing anything," said Mrs. Richard Janszen, 3386 Greenway Ave., just across the street from the Bricca home.

She also pointed out that Greenway was the kind of street where strangers could not walk unnoticed. "I think people are more conscious of strangers these days,"

she added, referring to the series of rape-stranglings in Cincinnati recently.

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"Unfortunately, it's likely," he answered in a wry tone.

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RICHARD J. MEYER, the next door neighbor who discovered the bodies with Mrs. Janszen's husband, was still shaking and white-faced at mid-afternoon Wednesday.

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'Maniac' Sought

FBI May Help Police Hunt In Murder Of 3

Hamilton County police plan to enlist FBI assistance today to analyze evidence collected at the scene of Bridgetown's triple murder. Police hope latent fingerprints found there will provide a clue to the murderer.

Arrangements were made Wednesday night to send to the laboratory today a

large box of items collected at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Bricca, 3381 Greenway Ave.

The Briccas and their daughter, Debbie, four, were found stabbed to death late Tuesday night. Police termed the triple slaying "maniacal."

At the close of a day-long, intense investigation, Mrs. Bricca's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bulaw, Barrington, Ill., were being interviewed Wednesday at the Sheriff's Patrol Headquarters.

The Bulaws flew to London Airport by chartered plane from Arkansas, where they were vacationing when informed of the tragedy.

IT WAS LEARNED the box of evidence included the victim's clothing, sam-

ple of hair found in the house bed-room and some bloody towels.

Meanwhile, earlier investigation tended to establish that

- Mr. Bricca, 28; his wife, Linda, 24, and their daughter, all, had been stabbed repeatedly in their backs and chests sometime between 10 p. m. Sunday and 6:30 a. m. Monday. Lt. Herbert Vogel, chief investigator for county police,

Bricca's face, a sock had been stuffed into his mouth.

- Lieutenant Vogel said the adults also had head wounds of "a penetrative type, apparently not made by a knife."

- THE RAPE of Mrs. Bricca was confirmed by Dr. Frank P. Cleveland, coroner.

- Body of the dead near door of the home at 3381 Greenway Ave. were found not far from the entrance, Vogel said.

- The blade used in the stabbings was estimated to be 3 1/2 to seven inches long and possibly was a carving knife which apparently is missing from the home.

- Robbery may have been a partial motive. Police found no money in the house. Mr. Bricca's empty billfold was found on a bed near the bodies.

Lieutenant Vogel reiterated the opinion that robbery was only a secondary motive.

"I am inclined to believe that whoever did it came in the back basement door into the family room," he theorized.

Investigators found a dead of wash in the dryer which was situated in a utility room adjacent to the family room. The laundry still was damp.

HE SAID...

Negro Bomb

SAN FRANCISCO—Mob of roving Negro youths riot at Wednesday night, pelting police, firemen and National Guard riot troops with rocks, bricks and bombs.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown arrived in the city. A Guardsman occupied two large neighborhoods. Hunters Point, near Candlestick Park on the south end of the city, and the Fillmore District, five miles across town.

It was the second high of racial violence in a September heat wave that sent temperatures over 90. The rioting was touched off Tuesday when a white policeman shot and killed Negro boy fleeing from stolen auto.

More than 20 persons were treated at one county hospital Wednesday.

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Segregationists Upsets

Arnall In Georgia

New York Times Service ATLANTA, Ga. — Lester G. Maddox, who once brandished a pistol and set ax handles to defend segregation, won the Democratic nomination for governor of Georgia Wednesday.

In a stunning upset, he defeated former Gov. Ellis O. Arnall, a New Deal Democrat and racial moderate, in a runoff primary election.

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regionalist but the race issue was not as near the surface in that race as in the Arnall-Maddox contest.

Mr. Arnall, 59 years old, and Mr. Maddox, 50, won the top two spots in a six-man race in the first Democratic primary two weeks ago.



LESTER MADDOX—surprise nominee

Truce Averts Strike Against Am. Airline



Deborah Bricca



Mrs. Linda Bricca



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Neighbors up and down the street
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happened in the Bricca home.

The family was well liked and known
in the neighborhood as "the kids" because
they were the youngest in the area.

NEIGHBORS got together frequently
for back-yard barbecues, New Year's Eve
parties. Summertime was a happy time on
Greenway. Neighbors had few conflicts.

They said Mr. Bricca was a hard worker
on weekends, holidays, at nights, some-
times not getting home for more than a
few hours' time for weeks. He was a husky
man and a good swimmer, said Mr. Meyer.

Mrs. Bricca was described as "beauti-
ful," with "tremendous" love for animals.
Besides the two dogs, the family kept
rabbits in the back yard. Mrs. Bricca also
worked part time for a veterinarian.

Debbie was called "a beautiful child,"
well disciplined, intelligent, never any
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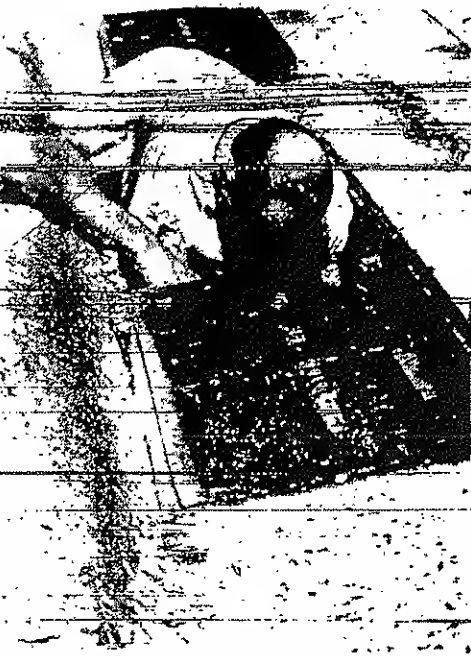
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More than 100 persons
were injured at one point
in the rioting, Wednesday

night, nine for gunshot
wounds. At least 20 were
arrested.

Governor Brown inter-
rupting his political cam-
paign at San Diego, went
immediately into confer-
ences with city officials and
National Guard officers.

"We will meet force with
force," he said, adding that
the state was better pre-
pared for this outbreak
than for the Watts rioting
in 1965.

The riot area near Can-
dlestick Park quieted down
late in the evening, but
squads of Guardmen,
armed with rifles and bay-
onets patrolled the streets.

Then looting, burning
and rock throwing burst
out in the Fillmore district
and authorities rushed
about 1000 troops, police
and highway patrolmen
into the area. Gangs of ro-
ving youths smashed win-
dows and set fire in the
streets before the area was
sealed off.

Nine persons were treat-
ed at Mission Emergency
Hospital for gunshot
wounds. At least five fire-
men and several police of-
ficers were also injured in
the rioting.

Plate glass store fronts
crumbled before the surg-
ing mobs. Looting was re-
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Before the Guardmen
reached the heart of the
trouble spot, police officers
exchanged shots with snip-
ers. Some rioters were
caught in a deadly cross-
fire and forced to flatten
themselves on the pave-
ment.

The governor's decision
came about two hours after
some rioters demanded that
there be a confrontation in
the poverty area. Four lead-
ers met with Mayor John F.
Shelley and Police Chief
Thomas Cahill for about an
hour before the peak of the
trouble but left the Hall of
Justice warning of a new
outbreak.

They were among youths
who gathered earlier in the
day at the Bayview Commu-
nity Center, the old San
Francisco Opera House on
the corner of Third and
Newcomb. Adult leaders
vainly tried to organize "Op-
eration Freeze, Baby" to
head off further violence,
but said later the "kids
wouldn't buy it."



LESTER MADDOX
surprise nominee

Child, 2, Missing Near Montgomery

Hamilton County, de-
puties and Blue Ash and
Montgomery police and
farmers were searching late
Wednesday for a missing
two-year-old girl who was
last seen in front of her
next-door neighbors home

Cameron, 11574 Plum Hill
Dr. in an area north of
Montgomery. She is the
daughter of Donald Camer-
on, 32, a production man-
ager for General Electric at
Evendale, and his wife



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Bridgetown Couple Stabbed to Death

Five in Conrad Family Win Post Twins Contest Prizes



The Conrad Family: Left to right, Phillip, Mrs. Dorothy Conrad, Jeff, William Conrad and Cynthia.

BY STAN DAHLMAN

You can say that togetherness paid off for the William Conrad family, 7871 Bankwood lane. Five of them working together submitted entries in The Post and Times-Star's \$10,000 Match the Twins. They finished first, second, third, fifth and eighth in the contest which attracted thousands of entries.

Since 1951, when they won \$2 in a Post contest, they have been shooting for the top prizes. This time they made it big.

First prize, \$5000, went to William Conrad, an engineer in the city highway department. His wife, Dorothy, took second place, good for \$1000.

Jeff, 12, a seventh grader at St. Vivian School finished third to win a color TV

The additional 119 winners in Match the Twins and the master sheet designating the correct pairing in the contest are on Page 23.

"WE HAVE 67 nephews and nieces. You have to be a student of faces to make sure you recognize all of them. This may have helped in our selections. The \$6000 will come in handy. When you have six children to send to college you have to think ahead. We will put it away for that purpose."

The Conrads have three other children—Jennifer, 9; Mary, 6, and Paul, 3.

The only complaint registered about

Sock Stuffed In Mouth Of Husband

A young couple and their 4-year-old daughter were brutally stabbed to death in their comfortable Bridgetown home Sunday or Monday.

The bodies of Gerald, 28, and Linda Bricca, 23, of 3381 Greenway avenue, were found lying next to their double bed in one of three bedrooms in the home by county police at 10:45 p. m. yesterday. Their daughter, Deborah, was found stabbed to death in her bedroom.

Bricca, a project engineer with the Monsanto Co., was dressed in slacks and a shirt. He had a sock stuffed in his mouth. He was stabbed in the back.

MRS. BRICCA had been stabbed in the chest. She was wearing a nightgown and robe and her clothing was in disarray.

Lt. Robert Bradford said the disarray might have been caused by a fall from the bed. The possibility of rape will be checked in an autopsy today.

Deborah had been stabbed in the chest and back. She was dressed in a nightie.

Lt. Bradford said, "Bricca worked all night Saturday at Monsanto and didn't leave the plant until 9:30 a. m. Sunday. They were a quiet people in a quiet residential neighborhood. They had only been here three years. He was transferred here from Seattle by Monsanto. They were well thought of by their neighbors."

Police say no weapon was found at the scene.

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room of the tri-level home. Mr. Bricca's body was face down on the floor between the bed and the wall. He was fully clothed, except for shoes.

Ms. Bricca was wearing a housecoat over a nightgown. The housecoat was face down across her husband's body.

Debbie's body was found lying on the floor of her bedroom next to her parents' room.

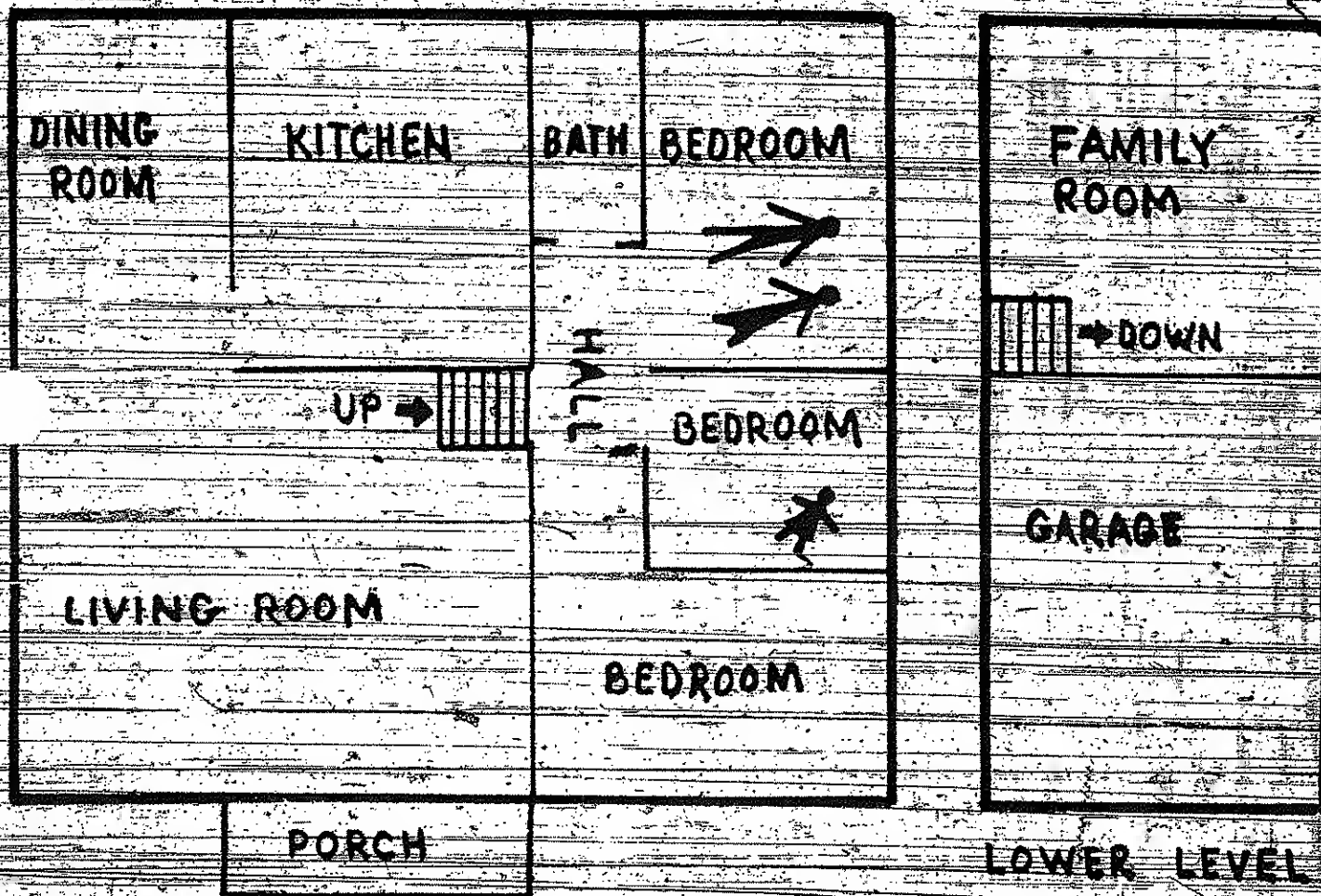
Republican nominee in the general election November 8. Mr. Calloway is given an excellent chance of capturing the governorship of Georgia for the Republicans for the first time since 1888.

George T. Smith, speaker of the state house of representatives, apparently defeated Lt. Gov. Peter Zack Geer for the lieutenant governor's nomination.

Mr. Smith is a racial moderate and Mr. Geer a seg-

16,000 flight personnel on the nation's second largest airline.

During the day, American's operations continued normal to 44 cities in the United States, Canada and Mexico. However, a spokesman said uncertainty caused by the strike threat cut the normal daily passenger load of 36,000. American is second only to United Airlines in size.



Sketch Shows Where Bodies Were Found

Bodies found on second floor of split-level house

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Police Mum On Report In Bricca Murder Case

Instead Of War

Fight Poverty In Asia, LBJ Urges Hanoi

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WELLINGTON, Thursday.—President Johnson began his tour of the Western Pacific Thursday by imploring North Vietnam to give up a war that he said it cannot win and to accept instead his help in a war on Asian poverty.

The president, revised this direct appeal to Hanoi in a speech at a state luncheon with New Zealand parliamentary leaders.

HE SOUNDED several themes that are expected to dominate his speeches on foreign soil over the next two weeks, all related to his sense of emergency of a "new" Asia.

President Johnson was received warmly by large crowds here, despite the fact that the opposition Labor party has made New Zealand's symbolic contribution of 150 soldiers to the war in Vietnam a major issue in the current political campaign. While avoiding the local debate, President Johnson defended his conduct of the war as consistent with both "reason and conscience."

The war was "tragic" and "vicious," he said, but a necessary prelude to sustained development of independent and secure Asian nations.

Though he preferred peace to war, he added, he saw "no acceptable alternative" now.

"When we succeed—and we shall succeed—we shall begin a nobler war against man's ancient enemies: hunger, ignorance and disease everywhere in Southeast Asia, including North Vietnam if its government so desires," he promised.

"We say to the leaders of North Vietnam: A new Asia is emerging. Your people should be part of it—proud, independent, peaceful—the beneficiaries of a social and scientific revolution that is transforming the life

Sees News 'Capture'

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson's Far East tour may be "one of the most immense exercises in news manipulation in recent history," Rep. Donald Rumsfeld (R., Ill.), said Wednesday.

Mr. Rumsfeld charged in a statement that the trip would "divert" more than a hundred of the nation's top newsmen from serious domestic issues and capture headlines and prime radio-television time.

Even more serious, Mr. Rumsfeld said, will be the dependence of newsmen on press handouts which will "truthfully state what the President wants reported and nothing more."

to other state visits to Thailand, Malaysia and South Korea.

Because he plans to visit Prime Minister Keith Holyoake again at the Manila conference, President Johnson's 24-hour visit here was largely ceremonial and partly sentimental.

The President and Mrs. Johnson arrived here Wednesday evening after a flight from Hawaii and American Samoa, which took them across the Equator and the International dateline. New Zealand thus became the first overseas nation visited by President Johnson since he became President three years ago.



Traditional Welcome

accorded to Mr. Johnson by Maori warriors

U. S. 'Copter Toll Heavy In Viet Battle

SAIGON (UPI)—Viet Cong gunners took a heavy toll of U. S. helicopters supporting the Vietnamese army in a big battle in the Mekong Delta, downing four and damaging 20, a U. S. spokesman said Wednesday. But

FBI Lab Reports On Evidence

Contents Kept 'Top Secret'

Hamilton County police late Wednesday received the long-awaited FBI laboratory report on evidence in the Gerald Bricca family murders.

However, they maintained strict silence on its contents.

Other than to say the report was "complete and detailed," Lt. Herbert Vogel declined to say whether it contained any positive evidence as to the identity of the triple murderer.

In reply to all questions, the officer in charge of the investigation answered:

"There is nothing in the report that I can comment on."

Pressed for an explanation, he remarked:

"The Supreme Court is mighty funny these days."

For the last week investigators, reporting no new developments in the case, indicated their future actions hinged on receipt of the results of the laboratory tests.

Three cartons of evidence were sent to Washington three weeks ago, shortly after the bodies of Mr. Bricca, 28, his wife, Linda Jane, 24 and their four-year-old daughter, Deborah, were discovered September 27 in their home at 1381 Greenwood, where the triple slay wound.

Engine Kills Railroader At Terminal

A Covington, Ky., railroader was killed Wednesday night when run over by a switch engine in the Cincinnati Union Terminal

Albers Stirs

Albers Supermarket nounced price cuts Friday on shelf items from baby foods to mixes and an angry competition be forced to follow.

The prediction came from Charles J. Arrighi, IGA Super Market general offices, who the Albers' move "likely start to avoid happened in Denver Housewives in Denver patronizing independent grocers and shut supermarkets in against high prices.

"How can prices go for the consumers? prices are going up retailer demands

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YOU DON'T FEEL SECURE ANY MORE

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Shocked Bricca Neighbors Learn to Live With Fear

BY JAMES ADAMS

Sunday, Sept. 25, was a cool, dark night. The rain started at 11:25 a. m. and didn't stop until 8:15 p. m.

The temperature dropped to 53 degrees. A gentle north-easterly wind rippled through the turning leaves of the trees lining Greenway avenue in Bridgetown.

It was the kind of night that one likes to stay inside and watch television. A special Sunday night movie, "The Bridge Over the River Kwai," shown over Channel 12 attracted 72 per cent of those persons watching TV.

SOMETIME between 8:30 p. m. and 9 p. m., a young Greenway avenue housewife took her tiny Chihuahua-dachshund for a short walk between the drizzle. As she returned to the house along the darkened street, she saw her neighbor across the street

carrying out his garbage cans. "Hi, Jerry," she called. "Hi, Joan," Gerald (Jerry) Bricca, 28, replied.

The two-word greeting was the last contact the Gerald Bricca family had with their neighbors. At 10:45 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, Jerry, his pretty wife, Linda, 25, and their four-year-old daughter, Deborah, were found brutally stabbed to death in their tri-level home at 3381 Greenway avenue.

JOAN SAYS Jerry was standing besides his garbage cans at the edge of the sidewalk when she spoke to him. "I know it was him," she says. "If it had been a stranger, everybody on the street would have heard me screaming."

At about 8:50 p. m., a couple who lived next door to the Bricca's neighbors pulled into the driveway. They had

just returned from a trip to Dayton, O. They, too, saw Jerry carrying the cans out to the street. But they didn't speak.

Joan doesn't remember whether the Bricca's garage lights were on. A door in the garage leads into the utility room.

THE BOOIES of Jerry and Linda Bricca were found on their bedroom floor. He was wearing a dark brown, long-sleeve sport shirt, dark trousers and socks. He didn't have any shoes on but he liked to walk around the house in his stocking feet.

Mrs. Bricca was clad in a pale blue negligee and a blue housecoat trimmed in gold. The bed was spotted with caked blood and the covers were wrinkled.

Debbie, the neighborhood favorite, was on the floor of her bedroom next to her parents' room. She was wearing a terry cloth robe, panties and one red sock. The covers were intact on her bed.

The television in the playroom was still on and playing when the bodies were discovered. The dial was turned to Channel 12 — the station that carried the special Sunday night movie.

THE FAMILY'S two dogs also were in the playroom. The door was closed but not locked. Both the front and rear doors were unlocked but closed.

The family had lived on Greenway avenue for three years and they were popular at neighborhood parties.

The young couple, who early last month went to San Francisco to attend Jerry's sister's wedding, made it a point to get back in time to attend the wedding of a neighbor who lived a few houses up the street.

Jerry was a short, crew-cut, muscular young man who had won an impressive number of trophies in swimming in both high school and college. He attended St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco and Stanford University.

LINDA WAS a dark-haired beauty who liked to wear her hair in a French roll. She loved animals and always kept dogs and birds in the house.

"She told me she once joined a circus just to feed the animals," a neighbor says.

Mrs. Bricca was born Linda Buraw in Barrington, Ill., a fashionable western Chicago

suburb. She graduated from Barrington High School when she was only 16 years old and then took three years of academic work in two years by going to summer school at the National College of Education in Evanston.

She joined United Air Lines as a stewardess in 1959 at age 18. She had to stretch her age a bit because United's minimum age requirement for stewardess is 20.

HER FIRST assignment was to Seattle. It was there she met Jerry, a hard working chemical engineer for the Monsanto Co. His father was a physician in San Francisco.

As a project engineer at Monsanto here, Jerry worked odd and long hours. He went to the plant on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 24, and worked through the night. On Sunday morning he attended 10 o'clock Mass at St. Aloysius Church in Bridgetown.

At 4 p. m., Sunday he

placed his helmet and safety glasses on the passenger side of his gray Volkswagen and wearily headed home—for his destiny with death.

HAMILTON COUNTY police are working day and night checking out leads, sifting information, always bopping to find the key to the baffling murder. They've had little success to date.

The neighbors on Greenway avenue are trying to learn to live with fear. Housewives cluster on front steps talking about the murder. Their laughter is now forced and hollow.

Joan expresses their innermost feeling.

"You just can't feel secure any more," she says. "Even when your husband is home, you still have doubt. Jerry was home when his family was killed and he was young and strong."

"It gives you the creeps."

Edwards Says Bar Ideas Lead to Free Speech, Press

Sixth Circuit has issued a 14-page statement assailing the ABA's recent recommendations to restrict reporting of crime news.

"I BELIEVE THE Bar Association, in its enthusiasm to curb excesses of press freedom, has far overstepped the bounds of good reason," Edwards said.

He noted that he has a special interest in the matter because he dissented from the majority opinion when a three-judge Appeals Court panel here upheld the murder conviction of Dr. Sam Sheppard.

The Supreme Court later sided with Edwards' dissent in its now famous decision holding that Sheppard was denied a fair trial in Cleveland because of prejudicial publicity.

"I feel some responsibility to point out that no judge who participated in review of that case advocated the strictures which are currently being contemplated," Edwards said in his statement.

AMONG THE proposals made by the Bar Assn.'s advisory committee on free press and fair trial was a change in the canon of legal ethics so attorneys from either side would be barred from making statements outside court about matters likely to come out in a criminal trial.

Violators of this code would risk disbarment or jail terms under the proposal.

legal tradition has given them to guarantee a fair trial.

- When these are inadequately employed, accept the fact that due process may require an occasional retrial of a highly newsworthy case because of prejudicial influences.

- Seek the voluntary cooperation of the press in withholding publication of material directly related to a criminal trial in progress which is not offered or admitted in the trial until after the verdict has been rendered.

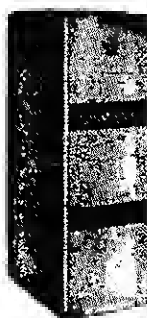
- Use the administrative sanctions advocated by the American Bar Assn. to control press statements by lawyers, prosecutors or law enforcement officials during the trial period. This term should be defined as extending from the assignment of a case to a judge on a particular trial to date up to the announcement of the jury verdict.

- Do not attempt to muzzle prosecutors, defense lawyers, or police by amending current law or the canon of ethics as to any time prior to the trial.

- Leave the constitution's first amendment unbridled.

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Colombian Pickpocket Gang Here for Holidays

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI): The Hawk and his Jingle Bells gang are back.

"That means a decidedly unmerry Christmas for thousands of Christmas shoppers and hundreds of policemen across the nation," sighed Inspector Edward Preston of the San Francisco police fraud detail.

The Hawk, his real identity unknown, is a 31-year-old Colombian pickpocket who heads a gang of 10 South Americans who are expected to get nearly \$1 million in the next year.

The Jingle Bells are carefully schooled, Preston said. They start their training in Bogota at the age of 5 or 6 and take their name from an aspect of their training program. They are required to lift a billfold from their instructor's pocket without jingling any of the 10 tiny sleighbells sewed to the instructor's suit.

THE HAWK and the Jingle Bells apparently entered the U. S. last week with

forged passports, Preston said, and have already been sighted here and in Los Angeles. Before their trip is over, police informants say, they are expected to hit other large cities coast to coast in the U. S. and perhaps in Canada.

Dayton, O., today ordered three men and a woman, believed part of the gang, held to the grand jury after they were arrested with merchandise valued at more than \$1000. Accused are Rudolpho Perez, 40; Manuel Rodriguez, 40; Gustavo Cuberos, 30, and Hilda Diaz, 39. They were arrested in a department store. Bond was set at \$5000 each and since the four were unable to raise it, they are in the Montgomery County Jail.

Preston said each Jingle Bell is expected to take \$100,000 before returning home. Ten per cent of the loot is kept for living expenses—the rest sent home to be split up 50-50 with the ring members and the syndicate. The syndicate

hires a lawyer if a Jingle Bell is arrested and cares for his family in Bogota if he is imprisoned.

Preston said the Jingle Bells are particular specialists in "sit-down pickpocket operations." They heist wallets while the victims, usually men, are riding in buses or seated in theaters.

THE JINGLE BELLS are experts at quick disguises. They wear conservative black business suits and carry black attache cases filled with glasses, beards, caps, a variety of neckties, elevator shoes to change their height, even inflatable rubber pillows to change their shape and colored contact lenses to alter eye color.

"About the only way a man can protect himself against this slick group is to carry his billfold in his inside jacket pocket," Preston said. "Personally, I wish there were no such thing as cash and everyone used credit cards."

Beth to Stay Home During Legal Hassle

KINGSTON, N.Y. (UPI): Ulster County officials have decided to leave 4-year-old Beth St. John with her foster parents while the courts decide whether the Italian-American couple may adopt her despite differences in ethnic background and appearance.

The appellate division of the New York Supreme Court had been expected to hear arguments today on a move by the county welfare department to return the child to its custody.

But Ulster County Atty. Abram F. Molyneux said it has decided to leave "the status quo" pending the outcome of new litigation.

Last Friday, the appellate division nullified a family court ruling against the adoption because county welfare commissioner Joseph Fitzsimmons and the family court judge in the case, Hugh Elwyn, are first cousins by marriage. A rehearing was ordered before another judge.

Arguments are scheduled for Nov. 30 in State Supreme Court here in an action brought on behalf of the Michael Liunis family to test the validity of Fitzsimmons' refusal to allow them to adopt Beth. Among reasons for turning down the Liunis as adoptive parents, Fitzsimmons gave their age, 48, the state of Mrs. Liunis' health, their ethnic differ-

Bricca Murder Probers Seek Link With Girl's Slaying in W. Va.

HAMILTON County police have asked police in Nitro, W. Va., to keep them informed on the investigation of Saturday's fatal stabbing of a 12-year-old Nitro girl to see if there is any connection with the triple Bricca stabbing here.

A 22-year-old Monsanto Co. employee has been charged with murder in the Nitro stabbing case, police say.

HAMILTON County police are interested because Gerald Bricca, 28, worked for the Monsanto Co. here. He also was to have flown to Charleston, which is 11 miles east of Nitro, on Monday, Sept. 28, the day before the bodies of the family were found in their home at 5381 Greenway avenue, Bridgetown.

LT. HERBERT VOGEL, who is heading the investigation in the Bricca murder case, says he contacted the state police in South Charleston yesterday.

"They are doing some checking for us," Vogel says. "If they come up with something that will make it worth while we will send a man to Nitro."

West Virginia state police

say they have arrested Lennis Angel, 22, in the fatal stabbing of Frances Volls, 12. The suspect is in the Kanawha County Jail in Charleston.

WEST VIRGINIA state police in South Charleston say the brutally stabbed body of the babysitter was found behind the Nitro High School building by a newsboy at 4:30 a. m. Saturday. She had stab wounds from her feet up to the top of her head. She had not been sexually assaulted.

The girl, big for her age, had been baby sitting for the Angel family. Blood was found in the Angel home. The murder weapon, a bunting knife, was found near the high school building.

The bodies of Gerald Bricca, his wife, Linda, 25, and their four-year-old daughter, Deborah, were found in their home Tuesday, Sept. 27. Bricca was a project engineer at the Monsanto plant in Addyston.

ROBERT BLAND, assistant prosecutor of Kanawha County, says Angel quit work at 10:15 p. m. Friday and drove home. Angel told police he saw Frances and then

he went out to a restaurant and when he came back she was gone and there was blood in the house.

Bland says bloody clothes belonging to Angel were found in the backwaters of Kanawha River near Nitro. He says Frances often was baby sitter for the Angel family and had been given permission to spend the night there.

"She (Frances) had a lot of defensive wounds on her arms," Bland says. "She must have put up quite a fight. She was stabbed close to 50 times."

Angel admits the knife is his, but denies the killing. Police believe the girl was killed in his home and then taken to the school yard by auto and dumped behind the building. Police say Angel cannot explain the blood in his home.

Angel worked as a laborer for the Monsanto Chemical Co. in Nitro, a community of about 8000 persons. The plant there employs between 600 and 800 workers.

Nitro gets its name from a World War I powder plant which was the town's main industry then.

Wife Raped Near X-Way Site

A housewife, already fearful that she was being followed by a man, was beaten, dragged into an excavation, and raped last night at the Northeast Expressway site at Reading road and Elsinore place.

The woman had been approached by her attacker as she walked on Gilbert avenue. He apparently was waiting for her at the construction site.

The victim lives on 14th street and was returning home after shopping at the Kroger store at 2520 Gilbert avenue.

SHE SAYS the man stopped her in the 2100 block of Gilbert avenue, but she ignored him. She walked across the street to a house at 2115 Gilbert avenue and told Mrs. Irene Curry that she was afraid she was being followed.

She asked Mrs. Curry to watch her as she walked south on the street. The man also had walked south ahead of the victim but Mrs. Curry lost sight of him.

The woman was grabbed as she walked along the construction site at 6:30 p. m. The man struck her on the head with his fists and pushed her into the excavation.

The man raped her and rifled her purse, but found no money. He then ordered her to be quiet and fled toward the D. H. Baldwin Co. plant.

THE VICTIM crawled out of the excavation and went

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Briccas' Neighbor Cleared By Police

BY ROBERT ELKINS
Of The Enquirer Staff

County police Monday cleared a neighbor of involvement in the triple slaying of the Bricca family.

At the same time they acknowledged publicly for the first time that there is one man they wish to question further.

They did not identify him but said they have been unable to question him because he is "hiding behind his attorney."

LIEUTENANT Herbert Vogel who heads the sheriff's investigation into the September 25 triple knife murder, said neighbor Richard J. Meyer, 3377 Greenway Ave., was cleared of complicity through investigation and a voluntary lie detector test.

Mr. Meyer, a General Electric engineer, "was not actually a bonafide suspect," the officer said. The neighbor's curiosity about the lack of activity in the Gerald Bricca home, 3381 Greenway Ave., led to the September 27 discovery of the murders.

CRACKPOTS HAVE besieged Mr. Meyer's home with crank calls and when he changed his telephone number they called him at work, Lieutenant Vogel said. In two interviews with the neighbors, police said Mr. Meyer had pledged co-operation in the investigation.

In contrast to Mr. Meyer's anxiety to help the police, Lieutenant Vogel said, there is one man who does not want to co-operate.

Police talked to him for 10 minutes in one session, dealing with the Bricca family background. Then, Lieu-

tenant Vogel had a 45-minute tape-recorded interview at the man's business premises.

The next day, after considering some of the statements, the lieutenant went to see the man's wife. She told him her husband had been upset by the interview and that if the investigator had further questions he should contact the attorney the man had retained.

"I called the man and he verified that he had hired a lawyer," Lieutenant Vogel said. "I called the attorney, Richard Morr, but Mr. Morr stipulated certain conditions we had to meet before we could talk to his client that we could not accept."

"FULL CO-OPERATION by all citizens would make the homicide investigator's job a little easier."

Gerald Bricca, 28, a chemical engineer for the Monsanto Co., his wife Linda, 25, a housewife who worked September 19 through 21 as a temporary receptionist for Dr. Fred Leininger, Glenway Animal Hospital, and their daughter Debbie, four, probably were stabbed to death late September 25, police said.

By tracing dates on milk bottle caps detectives learned that Mr. Bricca bought three half-gallons of milk at a Glenway Avenue dairy at 8:30 p. m. that day.

Another neighbor thought he saw Mr. Bricca carry the trash from his garage at 9 or 9:15 p. m. but did not take a good look at him.

Two nights later Mr. Meyer and another neighbor, Richard Janszen, 3386 Greenway Ave., pushed open the unlocked door of the Bricca residence and called police after smelling an odor of death.

Voters Warned To O. K. Levy For Schools Or...

The Cincinnati Board of Education warned Monday that failure of an additional 4.5-mill levy at a December 9 special election would

five years, the board said the system will eliminate in 1967:

Kindergartens in September, summer school (except make-up classes), adult

shortening of the school year, reduction of summer staff assignments in June, deferring various maintenance work, reduction of administration and emporia.

the "vindictiveness" of persons who have "taken umbrage at the board and penalized the children."

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